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OUR FINANCIAL POSITION

For the information of our supporters the following summary has been compiled from our Annual Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1971.

TOTAL INCOME WAS	100%	\$57,512
Subscriptions and donations	100%	8,572
Allocations	100%	2,412
Refining collections	100%	800
"Pioneer", subscriptions	100%	32,232
Gross profit - Bookshop	100%	12,567
Interest	100%	269

TOTAL EXPENDITURE WAS	\$9,401
Scholarships	876
Training College	2,500
Staff welfare	111
Bookshop costs	5,000
Office expenses, etc.	9,700
Traveling and general expenses	1,711
Board and lodging	1,711
Depreciation	738
	30,878
	5,924
	2,753
	9,928
	5,015
	2,856
	1,339
	738

This left a DEFICIT on operations of	1,889	\$
Legacies received	13,532	\$
Dividends from investments	14,255	\$

Capital:	At beginning of year	55,310
	Provision for Furlough Fund written back	401
	At end of year	\$68,077

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EDITORIAL

The varied contributions in this issue of "The Pioneer," indicate some of the wide-ranging concerns and activities of the Church Army and highlight some of the human problems and needs in our communities. The articles touch on the training of men and women for the Church's major task of Evangelism. There is no more urgent task today than this — to tell men in a clear, straightforward way, as Philip did, "the good news of Jesus." You will read about activities of Christian witness, service and evangelism among people of both Aboriginal and European descent and among children handicapped by physical complaints. Much of our society is crippled and sick at heart, not from physical malfunction, but from utter spiritual poverty. The answers to all man's basic problems lie near at hand and at Christmas we are reminded again that God our Father, has made full provision for our true needs, present and future, in the Person of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

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The less I do, the harder I'm working

Captain Keith South

Captain South is in charge of the small rural parish of Nowa Nowa in Gippsland. Within the parish is the Lake Tyers Aboriginal property about which he writes in this article.

Lake Tyers Aboriginal Station is situated between Orbst and Lakes Entrance in Victoria. Its area is 4,000 acres and it is owned by the Aboriginal people who live there.

You may think the title of this article does not make sense, and you may be right, but it is none the less true, for on Lake Tyers the less I do in actual organisation of the Church, the more other people are doing. On Lake Tyers this is very important. Why is this necessary? Because people need to make their own decisions. By taking away such a responsibility all that is accomplished is organisation without any real growth of character.

ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS

On the 24th July, 1971 the property was handed over to its residents by the Government of Victoria. The photograph shows the Bishop of Gippsland (The Rt. Rev. D. A. Gurnsey) offering a prayer of dedication after the presentation of the deeds of ownership to the Lake Tyers residents. A committee elected by the Lake Tyers Aboriginal Trust (comprising all adult residents) manages the property, a large part of which has been developed as farmland. To everybody this was an important event because it meant that for the first time Aboriginal Land Rights had been recognised. But for the Aboriginal residents, the result has been even more important.

For the first time they are the actual bosses—the ones in charge. No longer is there someone to give the orders and to do the worrying; it now rests on the residents to decide what to do and what not to do and to worry about the result. Such

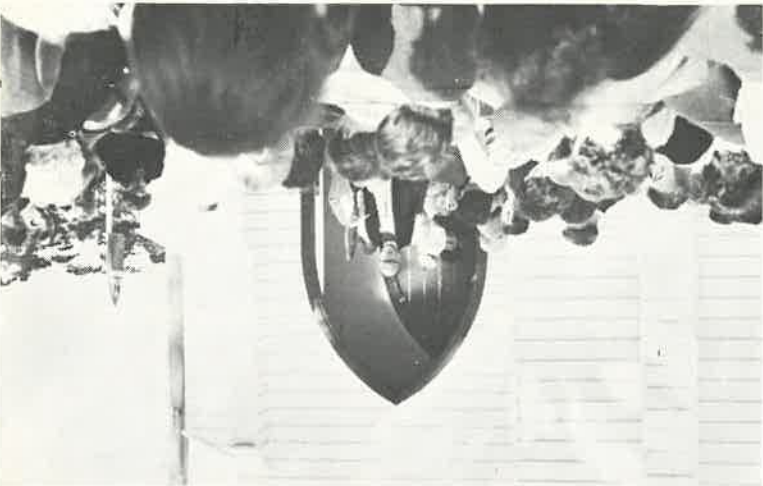
a change in anyone's life would be hard to take, but for someone who has had only a small amount of preparation it is tremendous.

NEW WAY OF LIFE

This is where I come in. It is my task, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to bring to these people the Good News that Jesus Christ can save, and in saving can give help to those who trust Him. How is this done? One way is by helping them to adjust to the new way of life. The Church on Lake Tyers is St. John's. It is old, historical and beautiful. It needs looking after. A Church Committee has been formed and they are responsible for deciding about services, cleaning the church, Sunday School and all other activities connected with St. John's.

The achievements of this Committee have not been startling, but there have been results. The Church now gets swept out regularly and fresh flowers placed in it. The Committee has also organised a number of visits by groups of adults and children to evening services at other churches. By such methods the Church becomes an instrument of God to assist His people in life, and life on Lake Tyers is not easy. Even the management of farm equipment can be a problem which is not easily solved. But by helping people to make decisions and then to accept the consequences we are helping them to become independent within the community and so they gain a sense of pride in being part of that community.

"Lord, we thank you that you have not forgotten your people on Lake Tyers. Help us to remember and support them in this their difficult hour."



REV. CAPTAIN

J. S. COWLAND, M.B.E.

What a joy it is to visit our Founder who, for some years now, has been a patient at the Randwick Chest Hospital. Another pleasure is to visit Mrs. Cowland at the Neringah Hospital at Wahroonga. We are always assured of a warm welcome and many questions about the Church Army. Naturally the conversation has a way of turning to past days and the early pioneering times of the Society are sometimes remembered.

On the 6th October Captain Cowland attained the grand old age of 80 and the prayerful thoughts of the Church Army family were conveyed to him in a special Greetings telegram.

We give thanks for those who "fought the good fight" in earlier and very different days from these.

RESIGNATIONS :

After many years of service the Board was very sorry to receive the resignations of Mr. E. Willesmith and Archdeacon C. A. Goodwin. Mr. Willesmith had also been the Society's Honorary Treasurer since 1966. Their many responsibilities and pressure of work caused these members to reluctantly withdraw from the Board. We are grateful for their past help and for their continuing interest in the development of the Society.

HELP !!

Business Reply Envelopes for our Appeals seemed a good idea in 1960 when it cost us only 5 cents for each one collected from the Post Office. They now cost us 10 cents each !

As we still have a supply on hand it seems sensible to use them. However, in order to receive the greatest benefit from your gift could you kindly help us in two ways ? By putting a 7 cent stamp on your envelope to save us the 10 cents collection fee and enclosing a stamp if you need a receipt.

In this way most of your gift will be available for our work and as little as possible used for non-productive expenses.

COLLEGE VISITORS :

Captain John Dewdney, Director of the Church Army in New Zealand, spent two weeks with us in October joining us for lectures and for activities in Green Valley, Newcastle and Wingham. The highlight of the visit was an Open Night for Officers and friends when Captain showed audio visuals of the New Zealand Society.

The Very Rev. J. N. Falkingham (Dean of Newcastle, Board Member, Member of Liturgical Committee), stayed overnight at the College after lecturing on Prayer Book Revision. Before leaving the following day he joined us for Australia 69 Holy Communion service in our Chapel with full participation by the students.

Rev. Brother Max Timbrell, Head of the Brother-hood of the Good Shepherd, and **Brother Michael**, both of Bourke, with **Captain Arthur Malcolm** were other visitors. This was a luncheon visit and gave us the opportunity of learning more about the latest developments in this ministry to the outback.

Men's Fellowship of St. Alban's, French's Forest joined us for the Open Night during Captain Dewdney's stay and other visitors on that occasion were a party of **Students from Deaconess House**.

Miss Val Dyke, Diocesan Secretary of the Young Anglican Fellowship in Melbourne called in on a recent Sunday afternoon and brought us the latest news of Youth work in Melbourne.

STAFF CONFERENCE, 1972 :

New Zealand's approach to be made in our conference. Conference will commence on the evening of Monday, 24th January and finish after breakfast the following Friday. We shall give careful thought to how we can more fully respond to our Lord's three-fold commission to Preach, to Teach and to Heal, in His Name in these challenging days. Please pray for all the preparations and the carrying out of the programme. Special provision is being made for all officers, wives, children and students to share in the conference fellowship.



Captain Frank Clarke

Take out Department

College life of necessity must be a time when students "take in" and prepare themselves for full-time ministry in the Church, but the past few weeks have also provided opportunity to "take out."

A three day holiday club for crippled children at the Manly-Warringah School for Crippled Children proved to be an exhausting but worthwhile experiment when Church Army Officers and students shared three days of instruction and fun on the theme of Castle Adventure. Part of the aim of this day camp was to gain experience in handling the children with their special needs, in preparation for a Residential Holiday Camp at the end of the year.

There was a request from the Rector of St. Andrew's, Riverwood for assistance with a visitation campaign to new multi-storey housing units in



his parish. This provided an opportunity for the whole college to share in the ministry of the Rector and his people in a series of visits, which have already brought encouraging results.

Wagga Wagga was the centre for activities for a long weekend early in October. Beginning with Youth Meetings on the Friday followed by activities with the Sunday School children on the Saturday and then a Youth Rally and Coffee House in the evening. With a full day on the Sunday in local churches and Sunday Schools the weekend brought us into contact with many people and provided opportunities for all members of the team. The hospitality was fantastic and for once there was some reluctance about returning to base after such refreshing fellowship and kindness.

When Sister Johnson sent an invitation to the Newcastle Ladies Auxilliary "at Home" it only included Captain Gwilt and Captain Clarke, but ideas snowballed and when the day finally dawned a large party including Captain John Dewdney, Miss G. Watton, Captain Ron Wallis and all the students in addition to Captain Gwilt and Captain Clarke, arrived in good time for a well planned programme. It proved to be a happy day and the return trip was planned to be back in college in time for evening lectures.

Working together in outreach activities such as these helps to keep the balance between learning and doing and has the added advantage of developing good team ministry so essential in parish life today.

A two-way look

Ken A. Donaldson.

God has shown me through my college experiences, that I will encounter things I cannot understand and have never met before. God has prepared me for not knowing, He has taught me to expect the unexpected, and then to hand all my resources, my abilities, my knowledge and my experiences over to Him; and in His time and way, He will enable me to do all He expects of me.

Through all these experiences, I have gained confidence and assurance that God is with me, and that He has provided the experience which will make it possible for me to serve.



At the commencement of my training which seems but a short time ago, I was called on to write an article for The Pioneer. Then I shared with you a verse from the Bible which meant a lot to me; it was "You did not choose me, but I chose you" (John 15:16).

Considering my experiences over the two years calling for me from God is a direction to serve Him as an Evangelist within the Church of England.

In this article I would like to share with you the remaining part of the same verse, (John 15:16) which reads "...and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide..." The time is drawing close when I will take the major step of being commissioned, the step which involves taking on the responsibilities of an officer of the Church Army. This has been made possible because of the devout prayers and help given by those who have supported the work of the Church Army.

Every soldier going into battle needs to be fully equipped for any situation that may arise. Due to the extensive training and supervision provided by understanding lecturers and others concerned with

the training of students, I feel that I will be able to serve our Lord in proclaiming the Gospel message. Looking back over my training period, I have reached the conclusion that the training given at the Church Army is different from that of any other college. The training here has been a personal, family type training. Everyone has come to appreciate the companionship of the other and has learned to share not only one another's burdens but also the joys and successes.

Training in this way I feel sure, gives us all a deeper love for Jesus Christ and a greater concern for the welfare of other people and their relationship to our Lord.

My training has shown me that to witness successfully for my Lord, I needed to go through a period of learning, of full-time study where I could see not only my strong points but also my weak ones. As a result of this I have been able to pray, work and strive to equip myself better for my calling as an Evangelist in the Church Army.

New Appointments

KEN DONALDSON : He will be joining the staff of the Kalamunda parish near Perth, W.A. where his special responsibility will be youth work.

WARREN DARNLEY : Warren has a particular interest in children's work and will be going to Rockhampton as assistant to the Superintendent of the St. George's Homes for Children.

Other Appointments : New appointments for Relief will be taking up a position in Melbourne next February.

The Future : Ideas for the development of the Church Army's contribution to the Church's work are being constantly tested through prayer and discussion. An encouraging feature at the present time is the number of actual and possible openings for wide-spread and diversified activities confronting the Society.